

Harrisonburg Community Garden
Rules and Regulations

1. There will be a rental fee of \$30. This entitles you to a 20 ft. x 20 ft. plot, access to the site, water, and other provided resources.
2. Each plot owner must supply their own seeds and plants, none will be provided.
3. The owner's entire plot must be utilized.
4. Plan ahead when planting. Allow adequate space for growth of vines and spreading. Do not allow plants to overhang into paths. Please try to refrain from having your plants shade other's plots whenever possible. No trees are permitted.
5. Do not trespass onto other's plots; this includes picking off of other's fruits, vegetables, flowers, etc.
6. The fences surrounding the garden are used to enclose the garden from outside interferences. The fence is not to be used for signs, plant growing, etc. They are to be left clean of all obstructions.
 - a. Periodically strands of the fence will be electrified to deter various animals from interfering with the garden, if you would like to turn this off while you are using the garden, you are able to unplug the wire from the source that is located near the shed. Once you are done, please reattach the plug.
7. Small removable fences will be allowed within owner's plots. No fences higher than 2 ½ feet will be permitted.
8. Gardeners are responsible for their guests. Children under 14 need to be accompanied by an adult.
 - a. If someone else helps you with your plot, please inform the coordinator.
9. Use of radios are prohibited unless headphones are being used.
10. No pets will be permitted inside the garden area.
11. No smoking is permitted inside the garden area.
12. No tires may be used for any purposes inside the garden area.
13. Do not use carpeting, roofing material, or other non-organic material on pathways. Only the provided material will be designated for pathways.
 - a. Decorative rocks may be used in plots, but must stay out of pathways.
 - b. Grass clippings may be used for paths. This is a cheap and easy way of maintaining the paths around your garden.
14. Avoid wasteful use of water, once you are done, turn water off.
15. Do not water other gardener's plots unless permission has been given.
16. Plots must be free of weeds, vines, trash, etc.
 - a. Please use the on-site trashcan and compost pile for these items.
17. Black plastic is useful in controlling weeds, yet quite unsightly. If you use black plastic, please insure that it is covered.
18. Paths are to be free of trash, weeds, standing water, or debris.
 - a. Paths must be kept as level as possible; there is no digging to be done in path area.
 - b. Access paths between plots are to be kept clear, unless an arrangement with a neighboring plot owner exists.

19. Each gardener must perform 2 hours a month of inter-garden service. This includes compost turning, path maintenance, weeding, shed clean-up, hose care, etc.
20. No genetically altered seeds are permitted.
21. No pesticides, herbicides, or fungicides are permitted. Only organic gardening allowed.
 - a. Examples of pesticides include Round-up, Weed Be Gone, etc.
22. The compost pile is used to dispose of organic material, dead plants, clippings, and weeds.
 - a. Compost turning is beneficial because the heat generated when compost gets regular infusions of oxygen will eliminate or inactivate seeds, mold, fungi, and infectious causing microbes, leaving mineral rich compost for fertilizing, mulching, and soil conditioning.
23. There will be an end of season plot cleaning on a to be determined date. If you cannot make the date, please make other arrangements.
24. 3 violations in one garden season will result in your plot being forfeited, with no refund.
 - a. Upon violation, owner will receive a phone call or email, and have 10 days to fix the problem.
 - b. Next a letter will be written, then 10 days to fix the problem.
 - c. After this, a written letter will be posted, if the problem is not resolved, your plot will be forfeited.